

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

DOCKET NO. 2019-353-C

Application of NextGen Communications,)
Inc. for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to Provide)
Resold and Facilities-Based Local)
Exchange Telecommunications Services)
in the State of South Carolina, and for)
Alternative and Flexible Regulation, and)
for Expedited Consideration)
_____)

**MOTION OF NEXTGEN
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO PERMIT
WITNESS APPEARANCE BY
VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-829 and other applicable rules of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”), the Applicant, NextGen Communications, Inc. (“NextGen” or “Applicant”), respectfully requests that its witness be permitted to appear and testify by videoconference at the hearing currently scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission’s hearing room. In support of this motion, the Applicant respectfully states the following:

1. The Applicant has pre-filed the testimony of Kent Hellebust, President, in support of its application. Mr. Hellebust is located in Seattle, Washington.
2. Because the witness is located in Seattle, Washington, it would be an economic hardship for Mr. Hellebust to travel to South Carolina to attend the hearing in person.
4. The Office of Regulatory Staff and the South Carolina Telephone Coalition have indicated that they do not oppose the use of videoconference for the presentation of Mr. Hellebust’s testimony. There were no other intervenors in the proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Hearing Examiner issue an Order authorizing the use of videoconference for the presentation of the testimony of its witness

located Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of January, 2020.

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